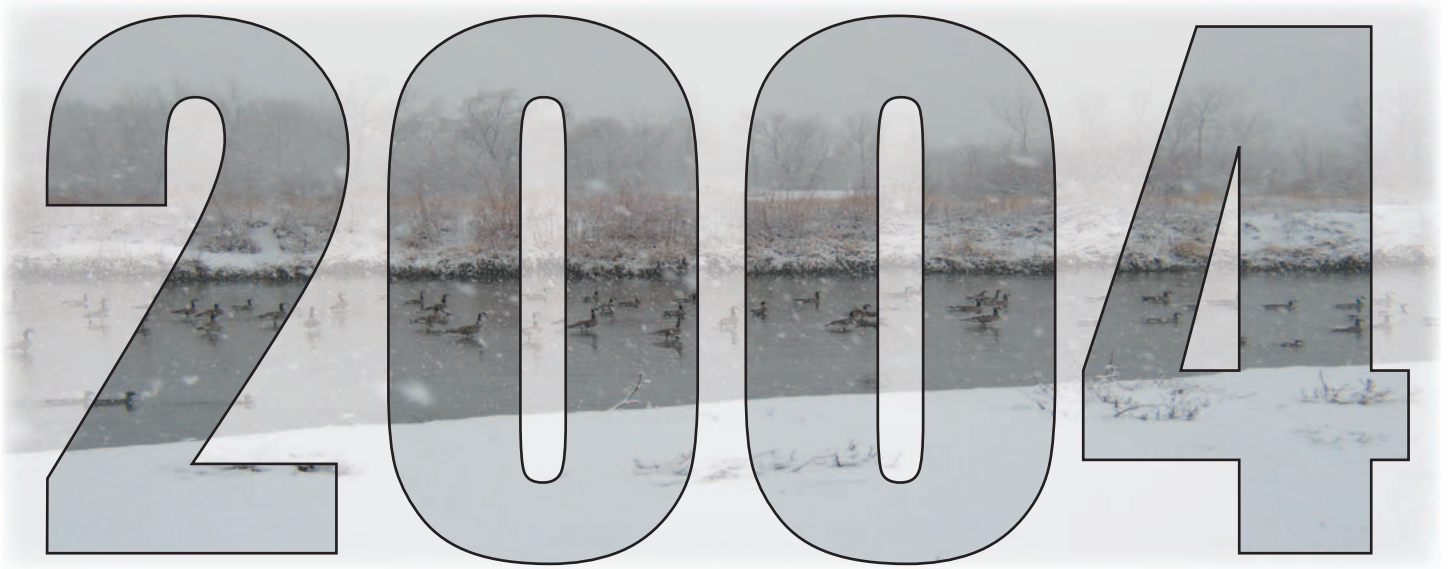


# Jordan River Natural Areas Forum



## Annual Report



# **Jordan River Natural Areas Forum (JRNAF) 2004 Annual Report: Progress Along the River**

Only goals and objectives listed in the 2004 Work Plan that were accomplished are presented.

## **Preservation...**

### **Goal 1.0 Establish a Jordan River Natural Conservation Corridor consisting of properties identified in the Report as reserved, nature parks, and open space properties.**

**Accomplishments:** Mike Hansen presented to Lehi: the City Council agreed to join and authorized the Mayor to sign the MOU.

Mike Hansen informed Saratoga Mayor and Council, but did not give a formal presentation.

Paul Hawker has attended JRNAF meetings. Clyde Naylor is on Preservation email list, but they have not attended Preservation meetings.

Land ownership identified in Utah County. Talked to State AGRC who has much of the info, but maps have not been set up.

### **1.2 Insure permanent protection for high priority areas.**

Supported Riverton's LeRay McAllister grant application. Discussed issue of proposed Sewer District facility in this area.

### **1.4 Fund acquisition of reserve areas through multiple sources of funding.**

GSLA acquired 12 acres with WHIP funds – added the land to their restoration site.

Conducted site visit for West Jordan's application for LeRay McAllister Grant.

Working with Ducks Unlimited to apply their preservation grant to lands along the river in Utah County.

JRNAF involved in helping to identify the parcel that Springview Farms used to preserve as mitigation for their wetland impacts.

### **1.6 Monitor activities that may have an effect on reserved or priority lands.**

MOU between SLC and State Parks has been drafted. Matching funds not identified yet. Plan and design work will begin after funds are secured.

# Restoration...

## **Goal 2.0 Restore Lands and water quality throughout the Jordan River Natural Conservation Corridor.**

### **2.1 Establish a Restoration Planning Team, to include all agencies of the Utah Department of Natural Resources and others, to investigate all potential properties for restoration by 2004.**

Community Planner Position to be hired in early 2005 by NRCS that will help with this item.

### **2.2 Develop a Jordan River Restoration Master Plan by the Planning Team (2.1), to include but not limited to, recommendations that address water quantity/quality, grazing, development, etc, by 2007.**

NRCS Community Planner to be hired –early 2005.

### **2.3 Lead and/or assist partners with implementation of on-the-ground restoration projects.**

Database of 500 contacts for landowners along the Jordan started. Produced by NRCS volunteer – Chelsea Sutton.

Database has been developed using Salt Lake Co. Web site that shows parcels & addresses.

Tree Utah planted 4775 seedlings this year. 5000 hours of volunteer work helped, especially with watering. They have an achieved a great success rate in spite of the drought. Also achieved 80% control of Russian Olive and Tamarisk. Tree Utah was awarded \$20,000 for restoration work from the LeRay McAllister Fund.

Water for establishment has been acquired. 100% complete – Pond rebuilt with outletwerks, removal of exotic trees, transplanting of native trees. Planning for Phase 2 will begin.

Legacy Preserve in Davis County is under construction.

UDOT plans for a wetland mitigation bank on the former prison property.

Murray City added 1500 trees and shrubs to their nature area.

### **4.1 Contact municipalities and private landowners to inform them of JRNAF's restoration-related services by 2004.**

Database of contacts developed. More cities aware of opportunities.

### **5.1 Develop a means to track and share information about restoration techniques and new projects to JRNAF members by 2005 (e.g., host a restoration workshop, etc).**

Workshop at Day-Riverside Library – May 13, 2004 – materials gathered for publishing.

Used database for forwarding info about restoration efforts & opps.

### **5.2 Improve communications with and collaborate with non-JRNAF members (locally, statewide, nationally) working on restoration efforts by 2004.**

May 13th Workshop was attended by 52 people.

Summary of Workshop Proceedings available January 2005.

# Education...

## **Goal 6.0 Raise awareness of local government and civic groups of the natural values of the Jordan River and encourage actions to protect the corridor.**

**Accomplishments:** Made a JRNAF presentation at the American Planning Association (APA) September 2004 meeting - Mike Hansen

Showcased JRNAF at the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) October 29 - November 2, 2004 meeting - Sharen Hauri

Produced Annual JRNAF Report – Jeff Williams, Mike Hansen, and Mark Bedel

### **6.1 Make 16 presentations to City and County Planning Commissions and City Councils that have jurisdiction over lands in the Conservation Corridor by December 2004.**

Made MOU Presentations to the following entities who are not Forum members:

South Salt Lake City, Davis County, Lehi, Saratoga Springs.

South SLC and Davis County are now members.

Participation and values were reinforced in membership - along with responsibilities. Conducted follow up presentations to members - Mark Bedel and Mike Hansen

Made the annual presentation to SL COG – Kent Player

Updated RDCC - Mark Bedel

Made presentations to Davis County and Utah County COGs

### **6.2 Encourage City and County Planning Commissions and City Councils to adopt specific policies that support the Conservation Corridor.**

Collected city and county regulations that affect the river, analyze, and suggest areas for improvement, e.g., provide model ordinance -Bruce Talbot

Requested that RDCC and city planning and zoning offices send notices to JRNAF for actions that affect the river

Mike Hansen now gets notices and forwards to JRNAF members.

### **6.3 Make City and County Planning Commissions and City Council aware of the authority that the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands has over the Jordan River Corridor.**

Provided the Regulatory Guide to local planning and zoning offices

Promoted the Guide at the APA meeting and when presentations were made to local governments – Mike Hansen

Guide is available online, and has been advertised electronically.

### **7.1 Establish a central repository for information collected regarding the river.**

Worked with Day Riverside Library to determine what materials they would like to keep in their file.

### **7.2 Develop a website to provide baseline information.**

Web Site – GOPB/Mike Hansen <http://www.planning.utah.gov/jrnaf.htm>

The JRNAF webpage now contains a “news” feature where development proposals are reported.

### **7.3 Develop list of flora and fauna species to be part of restoration manual (3.3 above) by July 2004.**

Consolidate all current lists of birds and plants, find and/or create lists of non-bird animals and additional native plants for creation of a “JRNAF Nature Guide” - Scott Root

2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of fauna and 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of flora released for editing/comments

### **7.4 Develop a Jordan River Education Program for classrooms.**

Jordan River education program exists and available at Great Salt Lake Audubon.

Governor’s Watershed Initiative launched.

### **9.1 Encourage nine golf courses to incorporate wetlands and native vegetation, which supports native wildlife, in management of their properties.**

Funding was obtained from the GOBP, Parkway Foundation, Envision Utah, Utah Golf Association, and the Mitigation Commission to develop a plan for wildlife enhancements at Riverbend Golf Course. The plan will be shared with Jordan and Provo River courses through a Conference. Study completed and presented.

### **9.2 Develop and distribute materials that educate neighbors about the value of backyard habitat for wildlife, the destructive impact of domestic pets (e.g., cats on birds), and wildlife-friendly landscaping ideas by 2004.**

Salt Lake County land owners guide to Big Cottonwood Creek by The Friends of Big Cottonwood Creek and Salt Lake County Public Works Engineering, April 2003.

NRCS Backyard Conservation brochures, tip sheets, lesson plans, press information phone numbers and website (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/backyard/>)

### **9.4 Establish at least three new locations as major public environmental education interpretive sites along the river and help coordinate development of consistent educational materials.**

Riverton City planning for native center.

Nature Centers study formulating.

### **Goal 10.0 Increase awareness of and compliance with the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Land’s trust responsibilities, the Division of Parks and Recreation authority for management of the Jordan River corridor, and the Division of Wildlife Resources responsibilities.**

Salt Lake City trails / corridor survey.

### **10.1 Educate landowners regarding the State’s ownership of the riverbed, including the need to secure permits for projects that impact the riverbed.**

Distributed to, and educated planners about, the Regulatory Guide at the APA meeting – Mike Hansen.

10.2 UCA §63-11-17.5 specifically grants to the Division of Parks and Recreation, through the Jordan-Provo River Parkway Authority, the power to establish and coordinate all development programs affecting recreation development, water conservation, flood control, and wildlife conservation along those rivers and streams that are impacted by high density populations or that are prone to flooding.

# Recreation...

## **Goal 11.0 Bring the community to the river.**

**Accomplishments:** Created the following displays: Trail Map, JRNAF Maps, Aerial NRCS Projects

Brochure Finalized - Craig Thomas and Mike Hansen

Trail map with Utah County added (Craig Thaxton)

### **11.1 Sponsor one big annual event.**

Get into the River, Celebrate the Jordan - May 8, 2004 event a success, which included a 5 K fun run/ walk, t-shirts, displays, tours, food and prizes. Over 200 members from the local community enjoyed a day of activity and fun at Mill Race Park in Taylorsville. Local sponsors included: IHI Environmental, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation, Foundation for the Provo-Jordan River Parkway, Salt Lake County Fish & Game Association, City of Taylorsville, Einstein Brothers, 3M Health Information Systems, Decision Innovations, Inc., Walmart and Utah Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Funds Raised for event have generated an excess which is on deposit with the Foundation for the Provo-Jordan River Parkway.

### **11.2 Sponsor other smaller events.**

Canoe Festival - Jeff Salt - July 24, 2004 (Pioneer Day)

### **11.3 Participate with and support other organizations events.**

Foundation: List Trail Projects - needs trail heads identified – Mark Bedel & Jeff Salt

Participation by various JRNAF reps.

Led Trail Needs Project for Salt Lake County Council of Government, held three open houses in Salt Lake Valley, drafted report

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

# Management...

## **Goal 12.0 Ensure that the Forum serves as a clearinghouse for information about development proposals that may affect the conservation corridor.**

Shared/sent information to all JRNAF members, interested parties.

### **12.1 Develop a relationship with municipalities to receive timely information about zoning changes.**

GOPB is on the notification list of every municipality's Planning Commission. Relevant info is communicated via website.

### **12.6 Sponsor a river keeper, as an on-the-ground presence, who keeps abreast of river corridor developments.**

Great Salt Lake Keeper Organization established

## **Goal 13.0 Secure adequate funding to accomplish JRNAF's mission.**

Worked with Foundation for the Provo-Jordan River Parkway and funding for the Get Into the River event was received from the Foundation



### 13.1 Create a JRNAF development strategy by the end of 2003.

Bill Farrand's survey and case studies - include results in Annual Report

Develop Strategy

Director for JRNAF

Klass Strategies has been selected as consultant for the Foundation.

### 14.6 Provide assistance to land managers in the development of management strategies to limit human impacts in reserved areas.

JRNAF worked with the Springview Farms development to preserve open space – Springview received an Envision Utah Quality Growth Award for open space design.

### 14.7 Develop an "Adoption" program for reserve areas. (Research and possibly use USU's adopt a stream program.)

Help identify groups for Governor's Adopt a Watershed Program

Salt Lake County Fish and Game re-adopted section 5700 South to I-215.

For other see: <http://www.adoptawaterbody.utah.gov/index.htm>

